

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. DAVID J. TRONE

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 6, 2021*

Mr. TRONE. Madam Speaker, on June 25, 2021, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "YEA" on Roll Call No. 185.

I strongly support S.J. Res. 14 to invalidate the Trump Administration's 2020 Methane Recission Rule and restore methane pollution standards for new and modified oil and gas facilities. I am pleased this Joint Resolution was signed into law.

## HONORING THE PHILADELPHIA ORCHESTRA AND KIMMEL CENTER

### HON. DWIGHT EVANS

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 6, 2021*

Mr. EVANS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor two cultural institutions in my district who have announced that they are formally merging. The Philadelphia Orchestra and the Kimmel Center are poised to bring the greatest performances and most impactful education and community programs, in person and digitally, to audiences in Philadelphia, nationally and worldwide.

This merger is an example of how cultural and creative non-profits can be drivers of a post-pandemic economy. The creative and performing arts play an integral role in Philadelphia and across all Congressional Districts. This new cultural and creative non-profit will be led by Matias Tarnopolsky. America is a land of immigrants and his family's journey from Argentina to the United Kingdom to California to Pennsylvania is inspiring.

The Kimmel Center is America's premier performing arts venue. I join countless Philadelphians with unforgettable memories from visits to this exquisite hall. My constituents and visitors from across the world have watched performances there as well as celebrating weddings and graduations.

The Philadelphia Orchestra has a deep partnership with the State Department. They are the only American orchestra to visit Vietnam. They have performed for our troops in Korea and to mark 30 years of democracy, they made history by traveling to Mongolia.

I join the constituents of Pennsylvania's 3rd Congressional District in extending warm wishes to the Philadelphia Orchestra and the Kimmel Center in this new venture.

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### HON. JIM HAGEDORN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 6, 2021*

Mr. HAGEDORN. Madam Speaker, had I been present for the vote on Agreeing to the Lamb Amendment En Bloc No. 1, I would have voted nay; had I been present for the vote on Agreeing to the Defazio Amendment En Bloc No. 3, I would have voted nay; had I been present for the vote on Agreeing to the Defazio Amendment En Bloc No. 4, I would have voted nay; and had I been present for the vote on Agreeing to the Van Dyne Amendment No. 108, I would have voted Yea.

## INTRODUCTION OF A BILL TO PERMIT THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES TO BE FLOWN AT HALF-STAFF IN THE EVENT OF THE DEATH OF A MAYOR OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

### HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 6, 2021*

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today, I introduce a bill that would make a small but respectful change to federal law by adding the Mayor of the District of Columbia to the list of named principals for whom the President shall order the U.S. flag be flown at half-staff. Current law states that the President shall make this order "upon the death of principal figures of the United States Government and the Governor of a State, territory, or possession, as a mark of respect to their memory." Surely the D.C. Mayor should qualify as such a principal. My bill would add the D.C. Mayor, who has the same responsibilities as state and territory governors, to the current list of officials. This bill is a continuation of our "Free and Equal D.C." series to ensure fair recognition of the nearly 700,000 citizens of the District of Columbia. Last Congress, the Judiciary Committee passed the bill.

Congress has already acknowledged that the District of Columbia is entitled to a place among the states for certain honors. The requested addition is not as expansive as others that Congress has already recognized. For example, legislation I have gotten enacted has ensured that the District of Columbia War Memorial honors only District residents who served in World War I, as intended, and that D.C.'s Frederick Douglass statue sits in the Capitol, alongside statues from the 50 states. We also successfully worked with the U.S. Postal Service to create a D.C. stamp, like the stamps for the 50 states, and worked with the National Park Service to add the D.C. flag alongside the state flags near Union Station.

Legislation was also enacted to give D.C. a coin after it was omitted from legislation cre-

ating coins for the 50 states. Legislation required the armed services to display the District flag whenever the flags of the states are displayed. With these significant actions by Congress, it is not too much to ask to add the Mayor to the list of principals who are recognized upon their deaths.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

## CONGRATULATING THE ROTARY CLUB OF QUITMAN, TEXAS, ON 75 YEARS OF SERVICE

### HON. LANCE GOODEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 6, 2021*

Mr. GOODEN of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Rotary Club of Quitman, Texas, which is celebrating 75 years of service.

Since January 7, 1946, the Rotary Club of Quitman has consistently served not only the Quitman community, but also Wood County, Texas, and beyond.

The membership of this club has included innovative leaders of business and government, city council members, mayors, school principals, administrators, superintendents, doctors, lawyers, members of the clergy, and numerous prominent citizens of the Quitman community.

While membership is important, the true measure of a club or organization is the service they provide to their community. In this regard, the Rotary Club of Quitman is truly admirable.

The club concentrates its efforts to support the youth of the Quitman Independent School District and other worthy community initiatives. During its long history, it has funded college scholarships for graduating seniors, sponsored a Rotaract club for high school students, funded the first infrared camera for the city's fire department, supported youth at Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) camp, as well as other efforts to support the youth. One of the scholarships honors a local veteran of the Vietnam Conflict who, after a distinguished military career, served as Wood County Judge and a Rotarian.

I wish to thank each member of the Rotary Club of Quitman for their continuous, dedicated commitment to improving the lives of others. It is an honor to represent these members in our Nation's Capital.

Again, congratulations to the Rotary Club of Quitman, Texas on 75 outstanding years.

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Mr. HAGEDORN. Madam Speaker, had I been present for the vote on Agreeing to the

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Davids Amendment En Bloc No. 5, I would have voted Nay; had I been present for the vote on Agreeing to the Lee Amendment No. 132, I would have voted Nay; had I been present for the vote on Agreeing to the Motion to Recommit H.R. 3684 With Instructions, I would have voted Yea; and had I been present for the vote on Final Passage of H.R. 3684, as amended, I would have voted Nay.

#### HONORING THOMAS HARPER

#### HON. ANDY KIM

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 6, 2021*

Mr. KIM of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Thomas A. Harper.

Mr. Harper proudly served his country during the Korea War and embodies the resilience and fortitude of the great men and women who serve in our Nation's military. During his time in the U.S. Army, Mr. Harper gained the role of Sergeant First Class, served in the Battle of Pork Chop Hill and was awarded two Purple Hearts. For Mr. Harper's valor and service in the Battle of Pork Chop Hill, Gregory Peck, an actor in the movie, *Pork Chop Hill*, met with Mr. Harper to conduct research for his role.

I would like to formally thank Mr. Harper for his service to the United States of America.

#### HONORING WILLIAM HAVEMANN'S SERVICE TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

#### HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 6, 2021*

Mr. NADLER. Madam Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the exceptional service of William E. Havemann, who served in the House's Office of General Counsel as an Associate General Counsel.

During his tenure, Mr. Havemann played an integral role in advancing and protecting the legal interests of the House of Representatives and its Members, Officers, and employees in connection with Federal court litigation involving issues of the highest institutional importance. Mr. Havemann provided invaluable legal counsel and representation to numerous Committees of the House, greatly assisting them both in fulfilling their constitutionally authorized oversight functions and defending those prerogatives in litigation. In particular, Mr. Havemann was primarily responsible for developing the House's legal position in support of challenges to the Trump administration's attempt to change the criteria for determining whether immigrants to the United States are likely to become a "public charge." The amicus briefs filed by the House and oral arguments presented by Mr. Havemann directly contributed to the Trump administration's position being invalidated by multiple federal courts.

Additionally, Mr. Havemann provided essential legal counsel to the House regarding both Presidential impeachments, as well as with respect to the defense of long-standing institutional powers, including House Committees'

authority to enforce its subpoenas and the House's constitutional authority to adopt rules permitting its Members to participate in the legislative process remotely by proxy during an unprecedented global pandemic.

Mr. Havemann's work on behalf of the House has been of the highest caliber and I have no doubt that clients of the Hogan Lovells' law firm will benefit from his excellent legal counsel. On behalf of the entire House community, I thank Mr. Havemann for his dedicated service to the House, and I wish for him the very best in all of his future endeavors.

#### REMEMBERING DUDLEY WILLIAMS

#### HON. JAMES A. HIMES

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 6, 2021*

Mr. HIMES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Dudley Williams, a beloved public servant and my good friend.

Dudley committed so much of his distinguished career to the betterment of the City of Stamford. He first moved to Stamford in 1989, with his wife, Juanita James, and son, Dudley Williams III. He contributed greatly to the vibrancy of the Stamford community. Dudley served three terms on the Stamford Board of Education, two as President.

Dudley also served on the Stamford Planning Board and the Stamford Board of Finance. His involvement in Connecticut and the City of Stamford goes beyond these positions, as Dudley held leadership positions at a variety of nonprofits, including the Ferguson Library, Avon Theatre, the Children's Learning Center, and the Stamford YMCA. In these positions, he enriched the lives and livelihoods of families throughout southwestern Connecticut. He also served as President and CEO of the Mill River Park Collaborative, where he used his ability to bring people together to create a space to strengthen the community.

Dudley made many immeasurable contributions to the community throughout his life. We will forever be grateful for Dudley's spirit, compassion, generosity, and we will miss him dearly.

#### COMMEMORATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE J. HOWARD SNYDER VFW POST 781

#### HON. GUY RESCENTHALER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 6, 2021*

Mr. RESCENTHALER. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the 100th anniversary of the J. Howard Snyder Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 781 (VFW), which was founded in North Huntingdon, Pennsylvania on June 24, 1921.

Post 781 is named after Corporal J. Howard Snyder, the first American soldier from Irwin, Pennsylvania to die in World War I. Cpl. Snyder passed away on August 13, 1918, three days after his twenty-second birthday and three months before the truce that ended the war. On April 3, 1921, Cpl. Snyder's body came home to Irwin and a burial service was held the next day. The community came to-

gether to mourn the death of a young man whose life was taken too soon, with shops along main street closing to observe the procession and burial. With the funeral fresh on their minds, local veterans decided to honor J. Howard Snyder when founding VFW Post 781.

For the last 100 years, Post 781 has been an invaluable resource for generations of veterans, as well as an integral part of the local community. Post 781 brings residents together for fish fries, sponsors the annual Irwin Memorial Day parade, and maintains the gravesites of local veterans. In 2017, members of Post 781 sourced a headstone for a Civil War veteran whose grave had been unmarked for 125 years in Irwin Union Cemetery. Forever devoted to improving the lives of their fellow veterans, Post 781 distributes food to veterans in need and provides an outlet for those processing their service to our country.

Madam Speaker, members of the J. Howard Snyder Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 781 have demonstrated remarkable commitment to those who served and to the local community. As an Iraq War veteran, I'm honored to recognize the 100th birthday of an organization that does so much for my fellow veterans. I have no doubt that Post 781 will remain an integral part of their community in their next 100 years.

#### HONORING AND REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF BJ BOATMAN

#### HON. PAUL A. GOSAR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 6, 2021*

Mr. GOSAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the dedicated service and life of the loved firefighter, Bryan Jeffrey Boatman.

Known as "BJ" to his loved ones and friends, BJ passed away at the young age of 37 in the service of his community, while assisting the U.S. Forest Service fighting wildland fires on Tuesday, July 7, 2020, near Payson, Arizona.

BJ leaves behind his devoted wife, Elizabeth Marie Boatman, and his young 8-year-old daughter, Claire Elizabeth Boatman. BJ loved what he did, serving and helping others his whole life. In this steadfast support of his community, he made the ultimate sacrifice, giving his life battling wildland fires, which so threaten our Western communities. Boatman is a hero whose selflessness and sacrifice exemplifies the best qualities of what it means to be good father, husband, and American.

Madam Speaker, I express a sincere form of gratitude to BJ Boatman, and I offer my prayers to Elizabeth and Claire, who lost a father and a husband far too soon. I encourage my colleagues to join me in honoring BJ's legacy and bravery, standing humbly in his memory having benefitted from the protection he gave our country. It is on the backs of great men like BJ that our Nation is protected, and how we can sleep peacefully at night knowing people watch over the safety of our families, homes, and communities.

BJ will never be forgotten.